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Preface

Undoubtedly, Veterinary Ophthalmology developed with a slower pace in India because of lack of skilled personnels, inadequate instruments required for ophthalmic surgery of small and large animals and less number of availability of clinical cases. Gradually, owing to more awareness by pet and livestock owners they in turn had greater expectations from Veterinary Surgeons for application of advanced diagnostic and surgical procedures to treat the diverse ophthalmic affections. This was perhaps a triggering impetus to learn the modern veterinary ophthalmology and I got inspired to learn and develop this speciality in Clinic of my college.

Eventually, turning point came through the then Professor and Head, Dr T.K.Gahlot who succeeded to bring a well-funded project, i.e. Diagnostic Imaging and Management of Surgical Conditions of Animals (DIMSCA) from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through a visionary Deputy Director General- Prof. K.M.L.Pathak. Provisions were made to buy operating microscope, phacoemulsification and electroretinography instruments in addition to the basic ophthalmic surgery instruments. First exclusive small animal ophthalmic surgery operation theatre was established to standardize the diagnosis of diverse ophthalmic affections and cataract surgery in dogs. Prof. T.K. Gahlot further strengthened this speciality by procuring more ophthalmic instruments through Maharaja Ganga Singh Trust.

Ophthalmic surgery in small animals was done on clinical cases and became a part of clinical research at masters and doctorate level too. Cataract surgery in dogs was thus standardized with or without IOL employing either ECCE or phacoemulsification technique. An experienced team of medical and veterinary ophthalmologists also helped us from time to time while learning it.

The success story of operated cataract cases helped me to build up confidence and I not only continued doing cataract surgery in dogs but trained many vets and delivered several lectures through continuing education programmes organized by many veterinary colleges pan India. I am sure that the contents of this book would be a great help to those who are learning and practicing cataract surgery in pet animals.

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The purpose of this book is to aid veterinary students and practitioners in the diagnosis and surgical management of cataract in dogs. Although this book is written primarily for cataract in dogs but the procedure can be applied for other pet and farm animals too with slight modifications. This book is consisting of 11 chapters viz; Introduction, Anatomy of lens, Definition of Cataract, Incidence of Cataract, Causes of Cataract, Pathogenesis of Cataract, Classification of Cataract, Diagnosis of Cataract, Selection of patient for surgery, Surgical management of cataract, and Complications of Cataract surgery. Each chapter provides a brief and practical knowledge in easily understandable text.

The color photographs of procedure and instruments will certainly aid practitioners in diagnosis and surgical management of cataract.

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